GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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EXPORT OF SUGAR
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total sugar exported during 2001-02;

(b) whether the sugar industry has estimated that about 15 lakh tonne of sugar can be exported between October, 2002 and September, 2003 if the Government renders adequate support to them; and;

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA)

(a): As per the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics, (DGCI&S), during the financial year 2001-2002, a quantity of 14.56 lakh tonnes (Provisional) had been exported.

(b)&(c): In order to boost exports of sugar, Government has taken various measures which include:

(i) Sugar meant for export has been exempted from levy obligation.

(ii) The quantity of sugar released for export is treated as advance free sale release, to be adjusted in the free sale stocks of the sugar factories after a period of 18 months.

(iii) Duty Entitlement Pass Book (DEPB) at the rate of 4% of the F.O.B. value of export has been allowed.

(iv) The Government has amended the Sugar Development Fund Act, 1982, so as to enable it to defray the expenditure on internal transport & freight charges that includes a component of neutralization of ocean freight disadvantage, to the sugar factories on the export shipments of sugar.

No target has been fixed by the Government or the Industry.